

## To New (and Old) Employees

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WorldCat – <http://conndot.worldcat.org> – is a search engine specially designed for ConnDOT employees. It uses the newest cloud technology and may be accessed from any-state owned computer. The search is as easy as Google: simply type the search term in the Googlelike search box. The pull-down menu allows you to select search options: ConnDOT Library only or libraries worldwide. The holdings of ConnDOT Library are indicated in green letters: Connecticut Department of Transportation. WorldCat is a global network of library-management and user-facing services built upon cooperatively-maintained databases of bibliographic and institutional metadata. ConnDOT Library has been a data contributor since the mid-80's. From coding to cloud, we have done it all for your benefit.

The ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) subscription free trial was a great success. According to recorded statistics, over 400 searches and downloads were conducted from ConnDOT. The end result is that we are getting a one-year subscription to all ASCE online journals and proceedings. I will make an announcement when it is available. Great job, everyone! I am working on the next free trial: IHS. IHS is your source for US and international engineering and technical standards, specifications, codes, etc. Please stay tuned.

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In case you were wondering why there was frequently a sign on the Library's door in the past few months, a trove of transportation materials was hidden in the Rocky Hill Lab; now the Library has expanded to accommodate these treasures. Items were transported, evaluated and added to the database one by one. The entire library stack was reorganized to accommodate these additional resources. The maneuvering was challenging and some seating areas had to be sacrificed. Though the bulk of the work is finished, some fine-tuning still remains. Sometimes I wish I had a magic wand. ☺